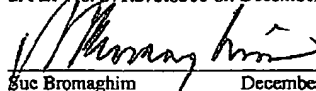


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**TRANSMITTAL OF AMENDMENT  
WITH REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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- (2) Amendment and Response Under 37 CFR 1.111, for which no claims fee is due.

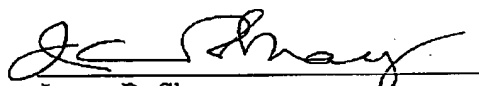
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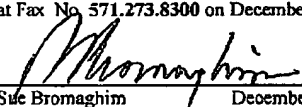
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This communication is in response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2006, for which a response is due November 24, 2006. An appropriate request for extension of time accompanies this response.

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